Grenade attack in Turbat targets fisheries officials

- Parliamentary secretary, others remain safe
- Coast guards personnel injured in similar assault
- Railway track blown up in Nasirabad

By Ali Jan Mangi and Behram Baloch

DERA MURAD JAMALI/GWADAR: The parliamentary secretary for the fisheries department and other government officials escaped a grenade attack in Turbat town, while a coast guards official was injured in a similar attack in Hub on Wednesday.

Barkat Rind, the parliamentary secretary, was holding an "open kacharry" — a public court — to address grievances of people in Turbat when unknown motorcyclists hurled a hand grenade toward the venue, officials said.

The grenade exploded at some distance from the gathering, causing panic among attendees but resulting in no casualties.

"Barkat Rind of PML-N, other officials of the fisheries department, local administration and participants of open Kacharry remained safe in the grenade attack," a senior police official said, adding that the attackers escaped the site after hurling the grenade.

Police noted that the grenade exploded in the venue's parking lot, damaging several cars. Security forces cordoned off the area and launched a search operation in a nearby area to "trace out the miscreants," officials said.

Separately, a similar grenade attack in the Hub district resulted in the injury of a Pakistan Coast Guards personnel when attackers targeted a checkpoint near the highway.

"A personnel of PCG (was) slightly injured in the attack who was shifted to the nearby hospital," police said, adding that the victim's condition is stable.

Jaffar Express escapes attack

In a third act of subversion, militants blew up a main railway track linking Balochistan with three other provinces, suspending train service. Railway officials said miscreants planted explosives on the track in the Notal area of Nasirabad district and detonated them in the early hours.

Police and security forces rushed to the site immediately following the blast.

"Around three-foot portion of the railway track blew up that disrupted the rail service," a senior police officer said. He added that the Quetta-bound Jaffar Express, which was arriving from Peshawar, could have been the target of the blast.

Railway officials confirmed that train service was restored after repairing the track. The Jaffar Express, which was stopped at Dera Murad Jamali after the explosion, reached Quetta in the afternoon.

Authorities are investigating all three incidents.

'NHA-related issues to be resolved soon'

Aleem tells Balochistan governor that N-25 will meet global standards

By Bakhtawar Mian

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Communications Abdul Aleem Khan assured Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhail on Wednesday that all issues related to the National Highway Authority (NHA) in the province would be resolved at the earliest.

His assurance came at a meeting between them during which the Balochistan governor took up various issues linked to the NHA in the province.

Mr Khan said that the construction, rehabilitation and upgrading of highways in Balochistan remained a top priority for the NHA, and that despite security challenges, the authority continued to remain actively engaged in the province.

He told the governor that work had been kicked off on the 813-kilometre-long Pakistan Expressway (N-25) — connecting Karachi, Quetta and Chaman — and that it would be completed within two years.

He assured the governor that the N-25 Pakistan Expressway being constructed in Balochistan would meet international standards and that its construction would be ensured in the best possible manner.

During the meeting, the federal minister and the Balochistan governor discussed various issues of mutual interest, as well as the prevailing political situation in the country.

The governor also invited Mr Khan to visit Quetta.

In May last year, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif while announcing the N-25 project, had recalled that the highway was infamously known as the khooni road (killer highway) in Balochistan due to "accidents that occur every other day there".

He said he approved the reconstruction of this "killer road" at an estimated cost of around Rs300 billion to 350bn.

Bugti offers aid to rickshaw driver 'abused by police'

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti on Wednesday extended his full support to a rickshaw driver, announcing financial assistance for the purchase of a new rickshaw, following an incident of alleged police misconduct.

During the meeting, CM Bugti offered his condolences by embracing the driver, Abdul Nabi Mengal, and expressed his solidarity with him. He also approved immediate financial support to compensate for the driver's economic loss and to enable him to purchase a new rickshaw.

The incident occurred on Airport Road in Quetta, where Mr Mengal, distressed by alleged mistreatment by a traffic police official, set his rickshaw on fire in a state of severe mental stress.

CM Bugti took strong notice of the incident and ordered the immediate suspension of the concerned traffic police official and ordered a transparent inquiry. He emphasised that any abuse of power or mistreatment of citizens would not be tolerated.

"The police are meant to serve the public and protect their dignity. Any official who fails to uphold this duty will face strict action," the chief minister said.—Saleem Shahid

Policy shift a must for lasting peace in KP: Afridi

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and the entire country.

He said peace had been restored after immense sacrifices and children were able to attend schools in a peaceful environment, but decisions taken behind closed doors had once again created uncertainty.

The chief minister said that another military operation was being planned, but if militancy still existed despite 22 major operations and 14,000 intelligence-based operations, then a policy shift was necessary.

"Not militancy, but the PTI and its founder Imran Khan are being rooted out," the chief minister told the students, adding that "if they really intended to root out militancy, they should have sat down and talked to us".

CM Afridi said decisions taken without public confidence were unacceptable, especially after the immense sacrifices made by the people of the province. He added that military operations always caused destruction, while displaced families who had been promised financial assistance were still awaiting compensation.

He said certain elements never wanted KP to progress or its children to receive education, but the provincial government firmly rejected such a mindset and believed in promoting education.

Meanwhile, in a statement issued from his office, the chief minister said that using the pretext of counterterrorism to target any political party or leadership was unacceptable, adding that if terrorism was genuinely to be eliminated, a joint and inclusive policy must be formulated.

He said education, knowledge and public participation were the true foundations of sustainable peace and development in the province, and that no force could deprive the children of KP of their right to learn and progress.

The chief minister congratulated all female graduates who completed their Bachelor's, MPhil and PhD degrees and expressed confidence that they would play a meaningful role in shaping the future of the province and the country.

He made it clear that he would stand firmly for girls' education and youth employment in KP, assuring that employment opportunities would be provided to graduates. He said that under the new youth policy, all possible support would be extended to bring talented youth forward.

CM Afridi urged students not to be discouraged and to move ahead with courage and hard work, assuring them that the government stood firmly with the people and would continue to do so in the future.

He said an internship policy was being introduced and was ready, adding that jobs would be provided to youth and talented students would be supported. He also paid tribute to students, their parents and teachers, and especially gold medalists, for their hard work and dedication.

CM dissatisfied with sanitation situation in Quetta

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti on Wednesday expressed dissatisfaction over the prevailing sanitation conditions in the provincial capital and the handling of public complaints related to cleanliness.

He made these remarks while presiding over a high-level meeting that reviewed the cleanliness and sanitation situation in Quetta. Taking notice of public complaints, he directed the authorities concerned to take immediate, result-oriented and effective measures to address the issues.

The Safa Quetta management and the Quetta Metropolitan Corporation briefed the meeting on ongoing sanitation arrangements, challenges being faced and the future course of action. Various aspects of the existing sanitation system and utilisation of resources were discussed in detail.

CM Bugti directed to introduce immediate and effective improvements to the sanitation system and ensure tangible results in line with ground realities. It was decided to conduct an independent survey to assess public opinion and the overall performance of sanitation services.—Staff Correspondent

Pak-China working group

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Chinese assistance in combating cybercrime and said Pakistan wanted to benefit from Chinese expertise to strengthen the National Cyber Crimes Investigation Agency.

He added that AI-based Chinese technologies could greatly support Pakistan in overcoming its counterterrorism and security challenges.

Mr Naqvi made it clear no one could undermine the "unbreakable partnership" between Pakistan and China.

The interior minister also reaffirmed Islamabad's commitment to expanding sustainable cooperation with Beijing to address security challenges and protect shared interests.

He also invited his Chinese counterpart to visit Pakistan and conveyed best wishes from President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif for the Chinese leadership.

Mr Wang invited Mr Naqvi to participate in the Global Security Cooperation Forum scheduled to be held in China in September.

He said Pakistan and China were strategic partners and expressed great pleasure in welcoming Mr Naqvi at the start of 2026, assuring that Beijing was ready to enhance cooperation with Islamabad at all levels.

A luncheon was hosted in honour of Mr Naqvi and his delegation. Vice Ministers Su Ditong and Yu Xiuhua, Beijing Deputy Mayor and Director General of the Beijing Public Security Bureau Qin Yuanbiao, Director General of the Ministry's General Office Guo Kan, Counter-Terrorism Director General Gao Qiu, and International Cooperation Director General Wang Yong were also present.

The Pakistani delegation included Federal Interior Secretary Khurram Agha, Ambassador to China Khalil Hashmi, National Police Academy Director General Muhammad Idrees, and National Cyber Crimes Investigation Agency Director General Syed Khurram Ali.

'Massive' operation in katcha area of Sindh announced

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join the national mainstream. "But the absconders or criminals who consider themselves big champions, strict action will be taken against them. There will be a fight, and they will be eliminated through the use of state force," he warned.

The home minister thanked the Punjab government for its support in a recent "successful" operation in which a no-go katcha area was vacated. He said individuals kidnapped from Sindh were recovered from Punjab with the full cooperation of Rangers and other security agencies, for which he expressed gratitude to the Punjab government.

Responding to a question about seeking the army's help, Mr Lanjar said: "Sindh police are capable and Rangers are with us, so I do not think we will need the army in our internal matters here."

He said modern equipment would be provided to security personnel. When asked about reports of dacoits using drones, the minister said: "I do not think drones have reached them. Action is definitely being taken against their facilitators as well."

On the possibility of a joint operation by Sindh and Punjab police, Mr Lanjar said he had directed the Sindh inspector general to coordinate with his Punjab counterpart and the Bahawalpur regional police officer. "This will surely happen only after a joint effort," he said, noting that the Machka area extends into Punjab. "I have strong hopes that we will wipe out these dacoits."

The minister made it clear that whether notorious dacoits or any other criminals, the law was equal for all and action would be taken without discrimination.

Meeting on law and order

Earlier, Sindh IG Javed Alam Odho, Sukkur DIG Nasir Aftab and SSPs of the concerned districts briefed the meeting on ongoing police actions, operational progress and achievements made so far.

The meeting was informed that police contingents were fully active and vigilant in both riverine (katcha) and settled (pakka) areas. Dacoits' hideouts were being dismantled, while indiscriminate action was underway against their facilitators.

Through the use of modern technology, drone surveillance and intelligence-based operations, criminal elements were being effectively pursued. The continued presence of police in Katcha areas was ensuring the eradication of crime, the meeting was told.

Speaking at the meeting, Home Minister Lanjar said mistakes could occur during operations and, if any difficulty arose, the Sindh government stood firmly by the police. He termed the professional performance of the police satisfactory and commendable, and directed that a coordinated and effective strategy be adopted to completely eliminate crime in both riverine and settled areas.

He said those challenging the writ of the state would be dealt with strictly under a zero-tolerance policy and that no one would be considered above the law.

The minister instructed the authorities concerned to immediately submit recommendations for the required logistic support for the mega operation against dacoits to be launched from Ghotki, including modern drones, weapons, ammunition and vehicles, which would be approved without delay.

He said operational requirements and resources change over time and relevant institutions should keep authorities informed in a timely manner so the mega operation is not affected at any stage and the process of eliminating these brutal, anti-human elements continues uninterrupted.

Mr Lanjar said he would personally monitor the mega operation moment by moment.

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Invitation for Bids through EPADS
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DIRECTORETE GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES,
KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ANTI-MALARIAL ANTI-DENGUE AND LEISHMANIASIS ITEMS FOR THE FY 2025-26

1. In compliance with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (KPPRA) Act, 2012 and KPPRA Rules, 2014. Vector-borne diseases (VBDs), DHGS. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Peshawar invites bids through E-Pak Acquisition and Disposal Systems (EPADS) under National Competitive Bidding from Manufacturers and/or Importers and/or authorized agents for Framework Contract for the Procurement of Anti-Malarial. Anti -Dengue and Leishniamasis Items for the FY 2025-26.
2. Bidding shall be conducted through **Single Stage Two Envelopes Bidding Procedure,** as per KPPRA Act 2012 and Rules framed there under.
3. The Bidding Documents can be downloaded from the following official websites:, **www.healthkp.gov.pk, www.kppra.gov.pk** and **https://portalkts.enrocure.gov pk**
4. Pre-bid meeting with the interested bidders will be held on **14th January 2026 (Wednesday)** in accordance with the schedule mentioned in the Bid Solicitation Documents. The bidders shall thoroughly study the Bid Solicitation Documents betbre the Pre-Bid meeting and bring their queries / suggestions to the forum for clarification/understanding.
5. Interested Bidders must upload their bids on EPADS before **10:30 AM. 23rd January, 2026** (Friday) which will be opened on the same day at 11:00 AM in the presence of those bidders or their representatives, who choose to attend the process. Bid submitted after 10.30 AM shall not be entertained.
6. The Technical and Financial Bids shall be submitted through EPADS. The original Bid Security, issued in the name of the undersigned from the bank account of the prospective bidder, must be enclosed in the scaled envelope and submitted at the time of Bid Opening.
7. Bidders are required to submit unit price of the quoted items on format as prescribed in Bid Solicitation Documents. Quotation with hand written, cutting and over writing shall not be accepted to the extent of that particular quoted item.
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9. Undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the bids as per provisions contained in Rule 47 of KPPRA Rules 2014.

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